

**System and Method for Tab Order  
Mapping of User Interfaces**

**ABSTRACT**

A system and method is provided to display a common  
5 display page on a variety of display devices using the  
item's tab order property to determine the display order.  
Controls that are displayed on a display device typically  
have a tab order. When a window that has controls is  
displayed, the cursor is typically placed at the control  
10 with the lowest (i.e., first) tab order. When the user  
presses the tab key, the cursor moves to the control  
corresponding to the next lowest tab order. This allows  
the designer to design a single window (or panel) that is  
displayed differently on constrained devices. However,  
15 even though the window is displayed differently, using tab  
order mapping maintains a consistent visible proximity  
between controls despite the type of display device being  
used by the user.